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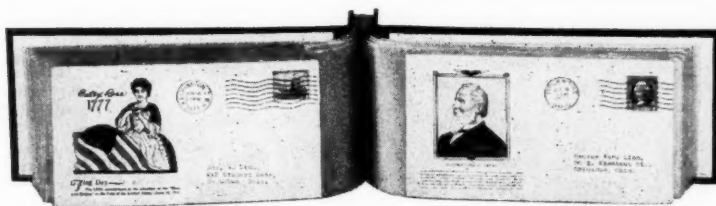
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# Linprint Booster Page

## Next Month — Birthday Celebration

Our presses have been humming for the past several days, getting ready for our big Birthday Celebration next month. We have just printed 20,000 new 1940 Price Lists and will mail a copy of this list to every name on our mailing list early in November. Watch for this new list for with it will come some other special circulars and announcements of special and new items that will interest every collector.

Among other things we will announce the publication of a beautiful set of album pages for the coming issue of Famous Americans Stamps. These pages will be very artistically arranged, in proper style and form as will appeal to the collector who prefers the genteel style of page. Each page will be printed in two colors, on excellent quality white album paper and designed to display each set of these coming stamps. In addition to pages for the stamps there will be fine artists drawings of the different subjects to be pictured on the stamps with a brief biography of each subject. You will like these pages and the handsome title page that comes with them, also the binder and entire makeup of this beautiful album which will provide you with a handsome home for your collection of these new stamps. It will be a complete album for this single issue and arrangements are made whereby additional matching pages can be had for those who wish to add covers, blocks, plate numbers etc. to their collection. This album will be a specialists paradise or you can hold it down to a simplified collection if you wish.

First announcement with sample of the page style will be mailed with copies of our new catalogue early in November. Watch for your copy and do not overlook this item.

Then starting in the next issue of this paper we will make our first Big Birthday Offer. As we told you last week, this is a new item, something that we feel certain will meet with a responsive demand from hundreds of our readers. The item is one that is in big demand and at the new low price that we are able to make on this special item, we feel

confident that the sale of this item during November will run very heavy. A handsome illustration will appear on this page along with details next week. Watch for it, for the special bargain introductory price will be limited to a short time only and you will miss it if you delay.

### Famous Americans Stamps

Beginning next week we will start a series of illustrated biographies of the various persons selected to appear on the coming series of Famous Americans stamps. A picture by our staff artist will accompany each biography and you can follow this series and learn about the people who are to grace this new issue of our stamps.

Altho the Post Office Department has already made announcement of the persons to be shown on these stamps, there has been much complaint and effort to have certain others shown and it is as yet unknown just what subjects will be used. We are in hopes that the original list as selected will appear. There should be some definite decision at once as publishers of envelopes can not wait till the last minute to know what to do with their envelopes. We have already had drawings and cuts made for the entire 35 subjects, but if the Post Office Department is not going to be able to make a definite announcement, what can we do toward printing these covers?

Fortunately, we have so designed our two color envelopes so that we can go ahead with the entire series and print one color of the design on all our envelopes and we are now busy with printing 165,000 envelopes. That will make an edition of 5000 sets of these covers and the extra color with portrait will be printed as quickly as a definite announcement is made by the department.

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## Fall's New Books Reviewed

*United States Stamp Catalogue, 18th Edition*, published by Scott Publications, 1 West 47th St., New York City. 454 pages, size and format as before, price \$3.00 of dealers anywhere. The new edition contains nearly 50 more pages than the last edition. Prices were reviewed by us when the Standard Catalogue appeared last month, so those will not be reviewed here. Several important changes in listings have been made aside from the renumbering of everything except ordinary postage issues.

The privately perforated coils are revised, with new illustrations and the Brinkerhoff Type II now priced with both styles of knife cuts. Post Office Seals jump from one page of listings to six! Every type known to the cataloguers are illustrated with large cuts and all varieties of each type are listed and priced so far as there is information on which to base prices. Envelopes take on a much more attractive form of listings as announced before, with full reproductions of every design and these are now priced in entire as well as cut square form. Wrappers are listed among the envelopes being given a different prefix letter to distinguish them. Cut squares of these have always heretofore been troublesome in identification due to the separate listings. Letter sheets are also included under envelopes.

Revenue stamps of course were all renumbered and at the same time the arrangement of these issues was changed, to include all of the same purpose together. Thus all general revenues and documentaries come first; then all Proprietaries starting with the 1871 series and running through the 1898 and 1914 series; then Future Deliveries, Stock Transfer, Wines, Playing Cards, Silver Purchase, etc.

In the Plate Proofs, plate number blocks are now listed, generally on the early issues where these are commoner. There are many additions among the Proof listings.

The book is becoming each year more and more of a handbook and general information repository of details of all United States stamps and this year's edition, due to the important changes should find a ready demand. As with the Standard Catalogue the typography is of a very high grade and the book is undoubtedly the peer of specialized catalogues of any one country.

*New Catalogue Numbers of United States Stamps*, published by the Y. Souren Co., 394 Park Ave., New York City. 16 pages 6x9, price 25c (10c to clients) in book form or on gummed sheets. This publication contains two tables of catalogue numbers of U. S. stamps, postage and revenue. One table gives the 1940 catalogue number and the 1939 number; while the other states the 1939 numbers and their 1940 equivalents. The publication was issued as a friendly aid to collectors for use during the period of confusing use in lists



of either old or new numbers. A rather useful publication. The gummed edition is for cutting apart and affixing to albums or stock books.

*United States Postage Stamps, Illustrated and Identified, Third Edition*, published by Scott Publications, Inc., 1 West 47th St., New York City, 85 pages 6x9, price 25 cents. Though now that the Standard Catalogue published by this firm illustrates the entire designs of all U. S. stamps, the value of this booklet of illustrations is not lessened. It illustrates every design of U. S. stamp, enlarged, and lists all stamps of that design with their former and present catalogue numbers. The collector who is not thoroughly familiar with U. S. stamps will find the booklet worth its price many times over in avoiding eye strain or in not being able to catalogue his U. S. stamps. The new edition includes all 1939 commissions.

*United States Stamped Envelopes, Illustrated and Identified, Second Edition*, published by Scott Publications,

Inc., 1 West 47th St., New York City, 47 pages 6x9, price 25c of the publishers or stamp dealers. The principal difference between this edition and the former one is that both the 1939 and 1940 catalogue numbers are given of these stamps. Every type of envelope stamp is illustrated in enlarged halftones and where the differences are not readily to be seen between the designs, small white arrows have been drawn into the illustrations to point these out. In this manner new dies, recuttings, etc., are immediately apparent. The catalogue numbers and descriptions are given of all envelope stamps, making the identification of any envelope stamp a comparatively simple task.

*Printing Postage Stamps by Line Engraving*, by James H. Baxter. 158 pages 7x10, cloth bound, published by the American Philatelic Society, 8118 Dante Ave., Chicago, Ill., price \$3.00. This book is a reprint of the series of articles, all thoroughly illustrated by halftones, which appeared in the *American Philatelist*. It is in reality a text book on this subject and is a "must" book for every philatelic library. Every phase of the subject is explained and illustrated and the collector who likes to know why certain things occur will find his answers in this book. The descriptive matter is easily followed and written in a very understandable manner. One of the finest handbooks the Society has yet sponsored, and if the A.P.S. should accomplish nothing else, the appearance of books such as this justifies the existence of the society.

*An Historical Catalog of U. S. Stamp Essays and Proofs, The Omaha Trans-Mississippi Issue 1898*, by Clarence W. Brazier. 48 pages, 7x11, profusely illustrated, published by Mr. Brazier, 415 Lexington Ave., New York City, price \$1.00. This is a reprint of a series of articles in the *Collectors Club Philatelist* with additions and corrections. It tells the detailed history of the origin of design and stamps through essays and proofs. Illustrated are the original subjects, sketches, essays and rejected and accepted die proofs of all values. No other publication has contained as much data on this series, which due to the Columbian fiasco of the '90s was

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neglected by collectors for a number of years. There are still some gaps in the information, such as original picture of that shown on the 5c.

*What Postage Stamps Are A Safe Investment?*, by Montgomery Mulford, 12 pages 3 1/2 x 6, published by Allan Levy, 41 Berkley Pl., Buffalo, N. Y., price 12c postfree. The contents of this small booklet are indicated by the title and there is contained some good advice on this subject. We particularly like the one specification that stamps should be held a minimum of six years — as most would-be investors expect to turn over their investment in a year or two and are generally disappointed.

*1939-40 Cover Collecting Guide and Directory*, published by the Cover Exchange, Box 733, Scranton, Pa., 56 pages 5 1/2 x 8, price 25c. This is the second of these annuals and contains brief articles on various phases of cover collecting, statistics on all U. S. first day sales, and a list of members of the National Cachet Directors Council.

## First Official Rocket Stamp

Details of quantity of mail carried are still lacking, but covers from the first experimental Rocket Mail Flight for which a government issued a special stamp are at hand from Havana, Cuba, courtesy of H. Irvine of Agramonte. The 10c current issue air mail stamp was especially printed in a light green and then overprinted "Experimento del Cohete Postal—Ano de 1939." First day was October 15. A black cachet depicting a rocket and palms with inscription in Spanish stating this was the first experimental rocket post in Latin America was applied to covers which were postmarked at Havana. The covers were backstamped with the official postmark of the Secretary of Communications. The Philatelic Club of Cuba prepared a special envelope, and a large favor sheet on which the stamp could be placed and favor postmarked.

## New Zealand Health Issue

New Zealand's 1939 Health Stamp issue is to comprise two stamps instead of the usual single stamp. Both will be of the same design, three children bouncing in the air a medicine ball inscribed "Health." The 1/2d value added this year is for use on receipts, postcards and newspapers or may be used in conjunction with the 1d to pay foreign postage. Both stamps are sold at double face value, the extra funds going for the establishment and operation of health camps for children. The stamps were designed by S. Hall of Wellington and issued Oct. 2. Clipping from A. J. Bower.

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The pictures below give a general idea of the new offices of the Marks Stamp Co., into which the 48 year old firm moved this past summer. The view of the front of the new store, shows the entire staff of the company. Leslie Davenport, Vice-President and General Manager is shown seated at his office desk in another photo; while the third view shows a view of the general office, looking toward the rear from the retail counter, a small portion of which is shown in the right foreground.

In 1891 young Elly Marks, an ardent devotee to stamps, decided to test the possibilities of a well conducted stamp business; a business that on a fixed policy of "Better stamps for less money" or in other words on a policy of "Giving full value for money" would serve col-

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Then came 1927-28 when the Company reorganized as a Limited Company. Mr. Marks as its President, though not as active as during previous years; Leslie A. Davenport who had been head of the Approval Department since January, 1914, as Vice-President and General Manager; Mr. Frank Aretz known especially for his world renowned articles on "Know Your Stamps" as Secretary; Mr. Gordon H. Crouch as

the wholesale department manager and Miss Mabel Taylor as Director.

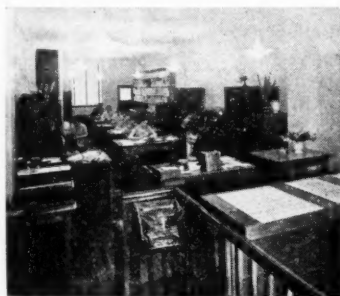
The business has continued to forge ahead despite the inroads of a depression, recession, added competition resulting from them both and "Jitters" of war. Following the death of Mr. Aretz in May, 1936, Miss Taylor assumed the Secretaryship and later when Mr. Marks died in March, 1938, Mr. T. A. Morrow, well known in Toronto business circles assumed the Presidency with L. A. Davenport, G. H. Crouch and Miss Taylor remaining as the active officers of the Company.

For many years they had entertained the desire to remove into more modern quarters and this has now become an established fact. The photographs illustrate how well they have succeeded. The modern lighting and general equipment layout has effected considerable appreciative comment from staff and



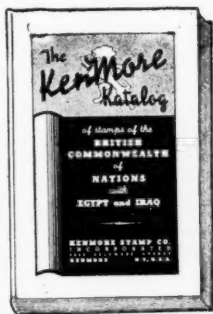
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By PABLO M. ESPERIDION

Greetings! American friends! . . . Flashes from the Philippines!

Some American publications received lately in these Islands, gave some hulla-baloo in regard to the "scarcity" of the Trade Week stamps. In a report given in this column before, advice was given to the effect that sufficient stocks of the Trade Week were still for sale at the Philatelic Section, Bureau of Posts, Manila.

Again, at this writing (Sept. 29), these stamps are still for sale and there are sufficient quantities to take care of future orders. As a matter of fact, these commemoratives are staging at present a "snoring contest," according to Amando Marquez, chief of the Philatelic Section, Bureau of Posts. American collectors may get these stamps, too, at the Philippine Philatelic Agency at Washington, since sufficient sets were forwarded there, it was learned from the local postal authorities.

When buying the Trade Week stamps, remember the 6c were surcharged on the light green and blue green of the 26c Carriedo, and the former seems scarce. Discovery was reported to your correspondent by Walter Bruggmann, prominent Manila collector. Whether or not stampdom will take cognizance of this variety, Scott, Gibbons and Champion . . . the Three Philatelic Musketeers . . . can only tell. At any rate, star examples of the variety in point are the 26c REIN and 16c ARN-ACAL, with a catalog value of \$3 and \$2, mint, per the 1940 Advanced Sheets of the Scott's Catalog.

Speaking of the Advanced Sheets, the price slashings made on Philippine stamps issued under American domination, sent many local speculators and slaves to catalog values into gloom. A decided compliment in the Advanced Sheets, however, is the listing of the true important crops of the Philippines, such as rice, sugar cane, Manila hemp, copra and tobacco, and the "blessed sweet potatoes" which in former editions had been omitted.

Coming soon are the Commonwealth Triumphal Arch commemoratives. In an interview with Director of Posts Juan Ruiz, your correspondent has learned that one of the three designs submitted at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, Washington, was rejected. The rejected design was the "Signing

of the Constitution of the Commonwealth by President Roosevelt."

Pressed for a statement on its rejection, the Director of Posts said that it could not be well-reproduced at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. A substituted design, however, had already been sent to Washington, showing the Malacanang Palace, the White House of the Philippines.

Denominations for these stamps had been reported already in this column before, but for the sake of ready reference, they are: 2, 6 and 12 centavos. No official release has as yet been announced as to their total issues, but from unimpeachable sources it was learned that they will be released as follows: — 1,500,000—2c; 1,200,000—6c; 900,000—12c.

These stamps will be issued on November 15, falling on the Fourth Anniversary of the Commonwealth.

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## Editor's Notebook

**IDEAS SWELL** Biggest difficulty of ATTENDANCE stamp club programs is repetition over and over, despite hard-working committees, of the same things. Ideas for new stunts and methods of conducting entertainment are always being sought. The Austin Philatelic Club recently held what it calls a "one-frame exhibition"; each member being asked to bring to the October 4 meeting one frame of stamps. Sixteen did so (which shows their members really respond) and each member paid 25c as a sort of fee, his frame being given a number. All the money was put together and the lucky number drawn won the "jack pot." Which to us seems like a good way of rewarding those who bothered to prepare frames, lug them to the meeting, etc. Following this, the winning member was called upon to give a one-minute impromptu talk on his frame and the other 15 followed him with similar condensed oratory. The talk part was a surprise to both exhibitors and audience.

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Those are the things that keeps each stamp club from going to seed; surprises and novelties don't have to be the rule every meeting, but if inserted in a club program now and then, do a great deal to keep up flagging interest and create new interest.

—R.R.

## Perfs and Imports

**LOCAL PUBLICITY IS NEEDED BY** many clubs. Recently when in an eastern city we found ourselves with a whole evening free and wondering if any stamp clubs were meeting that night, inquired of the hotel clerk, who apparently had never heard of stamp collectors. The other day a publicity release from a stamp club in that city indicates it met on that particular night, and that visitors are welcome. Why not spread the word around?

**BEST "STORY OF THE MONTH"** is the one in the Binghamton Philatelic Society's *Beacon* about a member who had best be anonymous here. Given recently two covers carried by Byrd on his 1927 Trans-Atlantic flight this member gave one away and then saw a similar cover listed in an auction catalogue at \$125!

**THE MYSTERY ABOUT THE CHI-** cago Philatelic Society's "Rajpeepa" is over. Henry A. Meyer sending a report of the annual meeting and the above held on Oct. 13-14-15, explains that it was an evening entertainment and midnight supper. The "Ambassador of Rajpeepa" put in an appearance in full court regalia and after much salaaming etc. edified the attendants by consuming among other things a head of lettuce. Charlie Rose gave the Visiting Firemen a chance to do their stuff, by accidentally setting fire to a potted palm flanking the Ambassador. That gives you a rough idea of a "Rajpeepa."

**OUR THANKS TO THESE READERS** for helpful news notes and clippings, Edward C. Fister, Mrs. R. H. Morgan, Waldo M. Keck, Mrs. Henry A. Diamant, Henry A. Meyer, and you numerous hard-working club secretaries and publicity committees.

**IF YOU HAVE SOME OLD PHILA-** telic books lying around, then you should read the classified adv. under WANTED. We've already rounded up a number of volumes our library lacked, but there is plenty of room for more.

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## The War And Stamps

Following up the article which I wrote for you a few weeks ago, there has developed since that time some new angles which should be of interest to collectors wishing to appraise the present situation. First, the various figures given out by the warring governments would indicate that about 10,000,000 men are under arms, all of whom can write letters without using postage stamps. Therefore, the consumption of postage stamps in Europe is materially reduced which will effect the quantity of used material and increase the price of used stamps. If used are not available at or below mint prices for the same stamps, the demand for mint copies will increase greatly. Secondly, there are large numbers of the people under arms or doing auxiliary duties who used to wash stamps and make packets who will now be engaged otherwise in their spare time. We all know that the reason packets are made abroad at prices no American can compete with, is because peasants and others do the washing and making up at so much per hundred or thousand as a spare time or pocket money part time job. This source of supply is nearly gone and will be before long, so that the cheaper packet material will be scarcer due to less usage and also to the lack of people to do the work. The few who are left to sort, wash and packet the material will charge more as the demand on them increases. Then there is the transit insurance of 4 per cent or 20c on the £ sterling, importers documents, customs clearance, the elimination of all the material that used to come from Germany to England to make up packets under the Enemy Trading Act and lastly, the 6 percent or 30c per £ Sterling war or capital tax on dealers stock. All this means the stamps and packets will increase greatly during the next six months and continue to do so as the demand exceeds the supply. During the last war stamps went up in price and have stayed up ever since. With the great cities "blacked out" each night, no movies, etc., many people who never collected before will do so in their evenings, with their shades drawn, so as to ease their tired nerves. No hobby is so applicable to long evenings as stamp collecting. Many invalids will start collecting and old time collectors will get going again. From experience I well remember that during and after the last war there was such a terrific shortage of stamps that

anything, even torn and damaged copies, brought prices no one would have paid for a good copy a few months earlier. From all of the above it is self-evident that stamps are a good investment as well as an educational pastime. In America a valuable lot can be carried at will to most any place in a suitcase, in fact, nothing can be as well and as easily transported as a stamp collection with so little risk. Stamp collecting will go on from now better than ever and the wise collector will have a nice investment when it is all over.

—Ernest G. Jarvis.

## FIRST DAY CALENDAR

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## New Jersey Meeting

The New Jersey Philatelic Federation is planning to try to have a monthly get-together with bourse, speakers, swapping, and exhibition. The first or trial one will be held Saturday, Nov. 18, at 3 P. M., at the Passaic Turn Verein Hall, 240 Hope Ave., Passaic, N. J. All collectors are invited. Exhibition will consist of pages the members are asked to bring voluntarily.

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**BRAZIL** — New World's Fair Issue. Large horizontal rectangular format, for the 400r. and 1,200r. values, while the other two are vertical format, engraved, perf. 11½, unwmkd. Printed by the American Banknote Company:

400r. orange (George Washington)  
800r. deep green (Emperor Dom Pedro II)  
1,200r. deep carmine (Grover Cleveland)  
1,600r. deep ultramarine (Statue at Rio de Janeiro)  
(Dr. Armando Vidal)

**CANAL ZONE** — Commemorative Postage Set. To go with the Air Post stamps chronicled by us Sept. 16th. Engraved, perf. 11, unwmkd. Pictorial:

1c. green (Balboa, before)  
2c. carmine (Balboa, after)  
3c. purple (Gaillard Cut, before)  
5c. blue (Gaillard Cut, after)  
5c. orange (Bas Obispo, before)  
7c. black (Bas Obispo, after)  
8c. green (Gatun Locks, before)  
10c. ultramarine (Gatun Locks, after)  
11c. blue-green (Canal Channel, before)  
12c. maroon (Canal Channel, after)  
14c. purple (Gamboua, before)  
15c. sage green (Gamboua, after)  
18c. rose-pink (Pedro Miguel Locks, before)  
20c. sepia (Pedro Miguel Locks, after)  
25c. orange (Gatun Spillway, before)  
30c. purple-brown (Gatun Spillway, after)  
(R. Roberts)

**CUBA** — Experimental Rocket Flight Commemorative. Under-noted stamp, overprinted in four lines in black "EXPERIMENTO DEL COHETE POSTAL ANO DE 1939." First day of issue, October 15th:

AP4—10c. emerald green  
(H. W. K. Irvine)  
(Rafael R. Garcia)

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA** — Bohemia & Moravia Protectorate. Additional values to go with those previously noted:

5kr. green (pictorial)  
10kr. blue (pictorial)  
20kr. brown (pictorial)  
(Stamp Collecting)

**GREAT BRITAIN** — Another New High Value. Same design as the Five Shilling noted by us September 23rd:

2sh6p. brown  
(R. Roberts)

**HUNGARY**—Semi-Postals. Three low values are horizontal rectangular format, other two are upright, wmkd. same as before. Issued October 2nd:

6f. plus 3f. green (Two Memorial Tablets)  
10f. plus 5f. red-violet (Karel Gaspar Visoly, reading the Bible)  
20f. plus 10f. ruby (Szenezi Melatz Albeye)  
32f. plus 16f. light-brown (Bethlen Gabor on horseback)  
40f. plus 20f. gray-blue (Lorantfy Zsuzsanna)  
(Mark Revesz)

**LUXEMBURG** — Mondorf-les-Bains Exhibition Issue. Upright, rectangular format, photogravure, unwmkd., perf. 11½:

2fr. old rose (Girl's head and shoulders)

The Philatelic Exhibition which was to have taken place at Mondorf-les-Bains from September 3rd to 17th, has been postponed. The special issue of the above stamp in blue, which was foreshadowed for the occasion, will not be issued.  
(R. Roberts)

**PARAGUAY** — Diaz Commemorative. Horizontal rectangular format 36½x27mm., unwmkd., perf. 12, lithographed:

2 peso, ultramarine & brown (portrait)  
(R. Roberts)

## Druggists Want Stamp

At their recent convention at St. Paul, Minn., the National Association of Retail Druggists pledged themselves to obtain commemorative postage stamps to celebrate the 120th anniversary of the United States Pharmacopoeia, the druggist's "Bible."

## First Military Postmark

The first military postmark from the contending forces in Europe is reported in *Stamp Collecting*. A cover from a member of the British Expeditionary Force in France bears "Field Post Office 5" postmark and a censor marking including a crown at lower left, number at lower right and "Passed by Censor" above. This same postmark has been used the past four years during Army Maneuvers.

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147-49 Aust. MacArthur Ct.	(3)	.40
150-51 Aust. Anzac Issue	(2)	.50
156 Australia £1	(1)	2.60
157-158 Australia Telephone	(2)	.08
159-61 Aust. Cent. of S. Aust.	(3)	.25
163-5 Aust. C. of N.S.W.	(3)	.25
Australia Geo. VI	(9)	.15
A1-4 Australia Air Mails	(4)	.75
A4 Australia 1/6 AirMail	(1)	.25
O1-2 Australia Official	(2)	2.50
O12-14 Australia Official	(3)	.75
193-196 Barbados Geo. VI	(4)	.15
50-64 British Guiana	(5)	3.50
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O1-09 Burma to 8 an Off.	(9)	.75
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75-78 Canada Numerals	(4)	.10
84-85 Canada Queen Vic.	(2)	.25
89-93 Canada Ed. VII	(5)	.15
104-110 Can. Geo. V 1912-18	(7)	.15
114-116 Can. G.V.CI 1914-19	(3)	.06
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182-183 Can. Geo. V Coils	(2)	.05
192-194 Can. Imperial Conf.	(3)	.15
195-201 Canada Medallion	(7)	.10
202-204 Canada Postal Un.	(3)	.30
205-207 Canada 1933 Coils	(3)	.05
208-210 Canada Com.	(3)	.20
211-216 Canada Silver Jub.	(6)	.50
217-227 Canada Pictorials	(11)	.60
228-230 Can. Geo. V Coils	(3)	.05
231-236 Canada Geo. VI	(6)	.14
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## INVESTMENT.

So far there has been reams and reams of comment on the war and its effect on stamp collecting and the relative phase of inflation and methods to beat the inflation. All of the philatelic writers agree that good sound stamp investments will prove to be your best bet. Just what good sound stamps are is not always agreed upon in detail. Many of the suggestions are very good, such as old U. S., the older U. S. commems and Airmails, Br. Colonies, and all of the better Foreign Airmails. Jos. Whiteborough suggests Bureau Prints and we must agree, just which ones Joe doesn't say, so we will go clear out on the end of the limb and say which ones. If we had a few thousand dollars and were afraid that inflation would wipe it out we would try to put the dough in the better 13, 14, 17, and 25c B-11 bureaus and perhaps some 30c and 50c with a few of the other items above the 10c value included. Sheets of the 17c Omaha, Miami, Akron, Toledo, Pittsburgh, Boston, Brooklyn, etc., will in our estimation, increase in value and maintain their value as well as anything we can think of, the 13s, 14s and 25s too. The only big drawback to this or any other stamp investment is in the liquidation. Try to liquidate when the time comes in somewhat of a piecemeal fashion; it will take more time but in the end will make you money, for if you are selling on a MUST SELL basis the price will go down quicker than an elevator in the Empire State Building. I have seen several lots of accumulated U. S. sold in this manner and the results were very disgusting to the owner. Nevertheless stamps are a good investment and if liquidated in the proper manner will prove to be gilt edge.

## ADVICE.

A good old "Ed's" saying, at least it don't seem to be original as it has been reprinted from several magazines. This time from the October BEE. "TOUCH AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE WITH YOUR EYES, BUT DO NOT SEE WITH YOUR FINGERS." Kinda nice to have this on the front or first page of your pet album, wouldn't it?

## NOTES.

An 18c from Erie, Pa., in the big rubber handstamp used there. —A 15c West Palm Beach, Fla., special delivery is not an eyesore. —Orlando, Fla. is using 1/2c Prexies in the double line U-14 inverted, must be some normal but we haven't seen any yet. —The long awaited 1 1/2c Pres. buro from Dayton appeared last week. —The BEE says, Nashville and Blomfield are the only cities still using old type buros. We have reports that South Bend has been using B-53's not so long ago. There are probably others too, and will be still

others as stamps have a habit of getting buried pretty deep in some offices. —The Central Ohio Precancel Club will meet in Cambridge, Ohio, for its November meet. Details next week.

## Precancel "Firsts"

There isn't any argument possible as to who began precancelling: Hale's private mail route, Boston to Providence, brought out the first precancel in 1844. The first government issue precancelled was the U. S. 1851 issue, with the 1c and 3c (the claim for the 1847 stamps at Wheeling is still not even nearly proved). The first precancelling outside the U. S. was on Austrian newspaper tax stamps in 1859. The first officially authorized precancelling was in Canada in 1892, followed by France 1893, Belgium 1894, U. S. 1894.

—Precancel Bee.

## Special Envelope Authorized

The Post Office Department has authorized the use and manufacture by private concerns or individuals of a special design envelope for use only for special delivery matter. It is an adaptation of the envelope now used for air mail matter. Around the edge of the envelope a border containing alternating green and yellow half-circles is printed, a white space being between these half-circles. Below the space for the stamps is printed in green the inscription "Special Delivery." Such envelopes are not supplied by the Dept.

• Too late for inclusion in an earlier number comes details of the annual exhibit this week-end, October 26-29, of the Quad-City Stamp Club in a room on Third St., Davenport, Iowa. A coin exhibit was to be held in connection.

• J. Sheldon Fisher, Curator of the Rochester Historical Society is planning a cachet for the last day of the post office of Fishers, N. Y., of which his mother, Mrs. Bessie Fisher, is Postmaster. Unless some one applies for the job before October 31, the office will be closed on that date, as Mrs. Fisher has resigned.

• STAFFORD STORE is the unusual name of a Stafford County, Virginia post office ordered discontinued on October 31.

• British collectors have asked their government to issue a Red Cross semi-postal stamp.

## A Find In His Own Attic

If you wonder where Blake Battles gets all that material for his Jumbo and Bargain lots we'll let you in on what was a secret. When he moved to Wooster, Ohio, recently, this attic duster who has traveled thousands of miles to make finds, made just about his biggest one in his own attic—all covers and stamps he had laid aside and forgotten!

## Chinese Constitutions Withdrawn

A clipping from our Philippine Correspondent, Pablo Esperidion, dated Aug. 22, states that only a few hours after the Chinese Constitution series went on sale at the temporary capital of Chungking, the stamps were withdrawn from sale. No official explanation was offered, though semi-official sources claimed this was due to use of a wrong character in the top inscription, making this read "To Commemorate the Opening of the American Nation." The word should have been either "founding" or "inauguration" instead of "opening."

Hongkong correspondents pointed out that there was another reason the series was withdrawn, and a much more plausible one. The map on the stamps is incorrect for it includes Outer Mongolia as part of the republic of China. The map from the Chinese viewpoint is correct in showing as Chinese the huge areas occupied by Japan, including Manchuria. Outer Mongolia is definitely Russian and the Soviets have been helpful allies during the current war, and this accounts for the hasty withdrawal according to these correspondents.

• The crew of the Philatelic Truck and local postal officials were to be guests October 20, at dinner of the Binghamton (N. Y.) Philatelic Society.

• The philatelic label for the Nov. 4-5 Kent and Ravenna (O.) meeting is in blue, imperf, with reproduction of the great seal of the U. S.

• Ecuador's Congress was at last reports on the verge of passing a bill authorizing stamps to be issued in honor of the poets laureate of the republic.

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Again the New York market has been graced with the appearance of not one, but two new sets of stamps honoring the New York World's Fair.

The first came from Brazil. The original shipment was sent by Air Mail and was necessarily small. This was immediately gobbled up and further supplies which are being sent by boat are being eagerly awaited.

The other set to arrive in New York is the Portugal set of eight stamps. This is the first recognition that the New York World's Fair is to be in progress again next year through an overprint placed on one stamp each of the eight colonies. The overprint shows the Trylon and Perisphere and reads "Exposicao Internacional de Nova York, 1939-1940." The face value of each stamp is equivalent to 25c. This set is in use primarily for trans-Atlantic Air mail, and is from the airmail series issued by each colony late in 1938. Although the face value is approximately \$2.00, it is reported the current market is now \$40.00 per set. There are said to be only 2,000 complete sets. Of course, an error appeared; one value was overprinted with green ink instead of red ink. One fortunate dealer here in New York has eight copies of this error. Because of the limited quantity, it is believed that this issue is controlled by speculators.

As of the present writing, no shipments of any old or new stamps have arrived from France since the beginning of the war. Stocks of these French stamps in New York are diminishing rapidly and hope is expressed each day that the boat may get through and replenish those depleted stock books.

The BALISEA Exhibit date has been announced. The Brooklyn and Long Island Stamp Exhibit Association will

hold its ninth exhibition Feb. 21 to 25, 1940.

This week for a change, I am not going to mention anything about Poland and Danzig stamps.

Frederick Loesers stamp department here in New York is opening its fall club meetings under the able direction by Mr. Leo Bessen. Collectors in New York are looking forward to a very wide and varied program.

The Czechoslovakian Pavilion at the New York World's Fair has just overprinted its fourth miniature sheet to honor the Toronto Exhibition. The exhibition, due to the war was cancelled, so the pavilion placed two lines through the overprint making this sheet the fourth variety issued. The four sheets overprinted are Viz; The Bratislava, Bratislava Newspaper sheet, Prague, and the Prague with the two lines. All these sheets are overprinted "Participation New York World's Fair 1939." Scott does not recognize any of these sheets.

## AUCTION CALENDAR

Oct. 31—U. S., Foreign, 700 Wholesale lots. Cosmos Stamp Co., 116L Nassau St., New York City.

Nov. 2—U. S., Foreign, Wholesale. Max F. Bier Co., P. O. Box 14, Staten Island, N. Y.

Nov. 3—Hi-Hat Auction. Mint Sheet Brokerage Co., 415 Caxton Bldg., Cleveland, O.

Nov. 14—1300 Lots U. S. Uptown Stamp Co., 10415L Woodbridge, North Hollywood, Calif.

Nov. 15—U. S., Wholesale, Airmails. M. Amiel, Box 813, St. Petersburg, Fla.

Nov. 20—Mail Sale. H. Wendt, Waverly, Iowa.

## Hudson Valley Exhibition

The Fourth Annual Hudson Valley Stamp Exhibition is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17-18, the sponsoring club, the Duchess Philatelic Society advises. Cooperating with them are a number of clubs in the Hudson Valley. The show will be held at the Hotel Campbell, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Louis T. Whitney, 11 Lexington Ave., Poughkeepsie, is Chairman. Members of the various clubs will compete for the awards, which will be distributed in 12 classes. All collectors of the vicinity are invited to attend.

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## Commemorative Stamp Facts

BY CAPT. A. C. TOWNSEND

### VIRGIN ISLANDS 3c

The last of the series, so far, was the stamp issued for our latest territorial purchase, the Virgin Islands, in December, 1937. It is another very pleasing looking stamp in a delicate red lilac shade. It carries a view of the town of Charlotte Amalie, with the harbor and side hills in the rear.

The 3c—Virgin Islands—was issued December 15, 1937, in red lilac, rotary press, perf, 11 x 10½, no wmk., and the plates used were numbers 2173-31-32-33, from which 75,000,000 stamps were ordered printed. Charlotte Amalie was the first day of issue city and 255,469 covers were there cancelled.

This is the last of this series of additional United States Commemorative Stamp Facts. No doubt Cap. Townsend will have more prepared as soon as another group of commemoratives are withdrawn from issue. In order to be as complete as possible on plate number and other statistics, we held off publishing this group of additions until all these statistics were complete. Cap will be back again soon we hope.

## Chicago's Show

The exhibition Oct. 13-14-15 by the Chicago Philatelic Society was adjudged a great success, with visitors from all over the midwest. Henry Meyer writes that the quality of the exhibition was extremely high. The Grand Award went to D. A. Somdal, Shreveport, La., for his exhibit of packet covers from the Mississippi and tributaries, with associated old newspaper clippings, way bills etc. Many other outstanding collections won awards, the list being too long to print here.

## All New Plates Are Electric Eye

All the new postage stamp plates assigned or completed during September were electric eye plates, and with the exception of one booklet pane plate, all were convertible. The first plates for the 50th anniversary of statehood stamp were included in the list, as follows:

Plate Number	Denomination	Series	Size
22444-45-53-54	2c Adams, sheet stamp, E. E., conv.	1938	400 rotary
22446-47-55-56	3c Jefferson, sheet stamp, E. E., conv.	1938	400 rotary
22448-49	10c Tyler, sheet stamp, E. E., conv.	1938	400 rotary
22450-51	3c Printing Tercentary, E. E., conv.	1939	200 rotary
22452-57-58-59-60	3c Four States Stamp, E. E. conv.	1939	200 rotary
22461	2c Adams, booklet panes, E. E., new style	1938	360 rotary

The following plates were sent to press during September for the first time. These include the Printing stamps. The Department has promised it will announce first day of issue for any additional electric eye stamps issued, such as the 10c plates reported above. None of the 2c and 3c Electric Eyes below are new varieties.

Plate Number	Denomination	Series	Size
21883, 22173	1½c Martha Washington, sheet stamp	1938	400 rotary
22051-52-53-54	2c Adams, sheet stamp, E. E.	1938	400 rotary
22361-62-63-64	3c Jefferson, sheet stamp, E. E., conv.	1938	400 rotary
22438-39-40-50	3c Printing Tercentenary, E. E. conv.	1939	200 rotary

## Flower A. P. S. President

Rollin E. Flower was elected President of the American Philatelic Society at the recent San Francisco Convention. On Oct. 19, Buffalo district clubs joined in a reception and dinner in his honor at the Roycroft Inn, East Aurora, N. Y. The chapters of the society participating were the Buffalo Stamp Club, East Aurora Philatelic Society, and the Kenmore Philatelic Society.

Mr. Flower was a former vice-president and active in philately, conducting a stamp column in the Buffalo Evening News and giving illustrated lectures in the schools. He retired from business last August and expects to devote much time to the society. His home is at Kenmore, N. Y., and he spends winters at Bradenton, Fla.

Three Cleveland members were elected to the Board of Vice-Presidents at the Convention: Donald W. Martin, Donald Lybarger and Ralph Johnson. All are very active locally in philatelic affairs, Mr. Martin conducting a weekly radio broadcast; Mr. Lybarger being author of considerable research on the 1918-20 Offsets and with Mr. Johnson holding various offices in the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

## American Philatelic Congress

The Fifth American Philatelic Congress will open Nov. 24, at Atlantic City, N. J., and run through the 25th and 26th. Papers by the invited writers will be read on Friday afternoon as well as at the Saturday morning and afternoon sessions. The banquet will be Saturday evening and on Sunday morning the Philatelic Writers Breakfast. An exhibition of New Jersey postal items, featuring Atlantic City will be held in connection with a bourse during the three days. Bourse reservations should be made to Bela V. Scholtz, Sr., 40 N. Newton Ave., Atlantic City. The committee in issuing its invitation to all collectors stresses the fact that the whole family will find the trip to the vacation city a pleasant one, even though all are not stamp collectors.



## Stricter Italian Law

To suppress smuggling of currency from Italy through the exporting of stamps ostensibly destined for collections, the Ministry of Communications on August 31 issued a circular to all Italian post offices describing new rules regarding exportation of stamps. Stamps may now be exported only with permits obtainable from the branches of the Bank of Italy, which requires that foreign currency be sent to the bank branches with the orders. The stamps to be exported must be presented to the bank for permit in sealed envelopes bearing the seal of an official philatelic expert and accompanied by his statement of the contents actual value. To prevent exporters switching envelopes, after obtaining the permit, substituting envelopes containing more valuable stamp than permit allows; the bank at time of issuing permit will seal the envelope with its seal. The post offices will accept the envelopes for mailing only if permit is presented and seals are intact.

• We extend our sympathy to the members of the Miami County Philatelic Society on the loss by death of Charles Stutesman of Peru, Ind., who had been a member for many years and had collected stamps for over half a century.

• The U. S. S. Kane was ordered to have a navy post office effective as of Oct. 18.

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## Messages On Stamps

The recent story of the letter received in the United States from an Austrian matron with stamp having hidden on its back the message "We are hungry. God punish Hitler," recalls the use of a similar means in the World War to evade censors. German censors are reported peeling about half the stamp away from suspected foreign letters in attempts to detect such evasion. Spies posing as stamp dealers or collectors in the last war used stamps to send messages, either by marking them, or sending them in oddly arranged forms.

## ANNUAL EVENTS CALENDAR

Chicago, Ill.—Second annual exhibition, Hamilton Park Stamp Club, Hamilton Park Field House, Nov. 11-12.

Cicero, Ill.—4th Annual Exhibition of the Cicero-Berwyn Philatelic Society, Olympic Bldg., Nov. 11-12.

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.—4th Annual Hudson Valley Exhibition by the clubs in the valley, at Hotel Campbell, Nov. 17-18.

Ravenna, O.—Second annual exhibition of Kent and Ravenna clubs at Masonic Temple, Nov. 4-5.

St. Paul, Minn.—Twin City Philatelic Society exhibition at the St. Paul Hotel, January 11-14.

Wichita, Kans.—Eighth Annual Exhibition, Wichita Stamp Club, Hotel Lassen, Nov. 16-19.

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